(घ) यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भुवनेश चतुर्वेदी) : (क) और (ख) गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (आन्तरिक सुरक्षा) ने जम्मू और कश्मीर राज्य में विकास योजनाओं की प्रगति की पुनरीक्षा करने के लिए 21-3-1994 को एक बैठक की थी । इस बैठक में, विभिन्न क्षेत्रों, जैसे ग्रामीण विकास, लघु उद्योग, बैंकिंग, विद्युत, खाद्य प्रशंसकरण, लोक निर्माण, कृषि, बागवानी, हथकरघा, हस्तशिल्प और रेशम के कीड़ों का पालन और पर्यटन के क्षेत्र में की गयी प्रगति की समीक्षा की गयी और इन क्षेत्रों में विकास गतिविधियों को तेज करने के लिए समुचित निर्देश दिए गए ।

(ग) और (घ) कश्मीरी प्रवासियों को बसाने के मामले पर विचार विमर्श नहीं किया गया क्योंकि नीतिगत मामले के रूप में प्रवासियों को स्थायी तौर पर घाटी से बाहर के स्थानों पर बसाने का कोई इरादा नहीं है ।

Terrorist Activities in India by Kashmiris Abroad

2597. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a network of terrorism with its centre in England, is being operated by some British citizens of Kashmir origin to carry out subversive and terrorist activities in India;

(b) whether a Britith citizen, Ahmed Omar Syed Shaikh, was recently arrested in Uttar Pradesh in connection wiih the abduction of four foreing tourists;

(c) whether the network has spread its tentacles in the Capital and other important centres of trade, commerce and education and constitutes a serious threat to the country's internal security and well-being; and

(d) what concrete measures have been or are being taken to smash this network ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Various militant outfits operating in Jammu and Kashmir having links with some Kashmiris settled in England, who have been providing covert and overt support to the outfits in the State have come to notice.

(b) Yes, Sir.

...ri militants have come to notice ... ...ivities in Jammu and Ka... ...s of the country. Reports are available indicating Pak ISI plans to create violence and subversion in vulnerable areas in various parts of th... Dis-closures made by arrested milita... ...armed the ulterior plans of Kashmiri militants to spread violence to various parts of the country.

(d) Government is alive to the situation and are taking all necessary steps in this regard which include gearing up of intelligence machinery, coordinated action by central and State agencies including intelligence sharing, deployment of para-military forces as well as intensified patrolling in vulnerable areas.

Pak Activities on Jammu and Kashmir border

2598. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received reports that Pakistan is concentrating its forces and increasing anti-India activities on Indo-Pak border, especially in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) The situation is being constantly assessed by the Government and appropriate steps are taken to ensure full defence preparedness.

Kashmir Problem

2599 SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as early as in 1952, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee had stated in his historic speech that the problem of Kashmir was that the Pakistan should be asked to vacate the Pak-occupied areas of Kashmir ;

(b) if so, the reasons for which he has announced this stand from the rampart of Red Fort in his Independence Day speech this year; and

(c) what is the attitude of Government of India today on this issue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c) It is a fact that Pakistan continues to be in unauthorised occupation of a part of Jammu & Kashmir. While referring to frequent statements by Pak leaders about Kashmir being the unfinished task, the Prime Minister in his Independence Day address of 1994 had stated that there is only one unfinished task and that is the restoration of Pak occupied part of Kashmir to India. The effort of the Govt. of India is to resolve this problem, and other outstanding issues of differences with Pakistan, by peaceful bilateral dialogue in the spirit of Shimla Agreement of 1972, despite continued efforts of Pakistan to try to internationalise the issue relating to Jammu & Kashmir.

Bomb Blast in Outskirts of Jammu City

2600. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a power-ful bomb blast in a private bus that exploded on 29th November, 1994 at the outskirts of Jammu City;

(b) if so, whether eight pilgrims, including a child, bound for Vaishno Devi were killed and 40 others sustained injury;

(c) the steps taken by Government to investigate into the cause of the blast and to see that incidents of this nature do not recur in future; and

(d) what is the compensation amount proposed to be paid by Government to the kith of those affected by the incident ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) No such incident took place on 29-11-1994. However, on 28-11-1994, an explosion took place in a passenger bus going from Jammu to Katra, resulting in the instant death of 8 persons and injuries to 44 others. Two of the injured later succumbed to their injuries.

(c) Efforts are on to trace the culprits behind the bomb blast. Intensified patrolling by the police/security forces, establishment of police check posts on routes/roads coming to Jammu, surprise checks of buses, checking of over-loading, launching of public awareness compaign and apprehension of anti-social elements and suspected trans-border smugglers are some of the steps being taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents.

(d) Ex-gratia relief of Rupees 1 lakh each has been announced by the State Government in respect of persons who were killed, and Rs. 5000/- each to those injured.

Proposal From JKLF Leader on Kashmir Issue

2601. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some Members of Parliament have received copies of an appeal made by the self-styled Chairman of the Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front to the People of India, sent from London, giving proposals regarding solution to the so-called Kashmir problem; and

(b) whether Government have also received similar proposals from the JKLF and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) Government are aware of letters purported to have been written by the self-styled Chairman of the JKLF from Pakistan. It is not considered necessary to react to the same.

Mercenaries Operating in Kashmir

2602. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether mercenaries of different countries have been operating in Kashmir since the onset of anti-India Militancy in 1990.

(b) if so, the details thereof with names of countries to which these mercenaries belong;